

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application, the allowance of claims 1-16 and 20-24, and the indication that claim 19 embodies allowable subject matter. In reliance on this indication, and in a desire to expedite the allowance of this application, Applicant herein amends independent claim 17 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 19 (and claim 19 is correspondingly canceled).

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1-18 and 20-24 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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